

3. Organization's Track Record/Ability

Proposals should demonstrate an institutional record of successful exchange programs, including responsible fiscal management and full compliance with all reporting requirements for past Agency grants as determined by USIA's Office of Contracts. The Agency will consider the past performance of prior recipients and the demonstrated potential of new applicants.

4. Multiplier Effect/Impact

Proposed programs should strengthen long-term mutual understanding, including maximum sharing of information and establishment of long-term linkages.

5. Cost-Effectiveness/Cost-Sharing

The overhead and administrative components of the proposal, including salaries and honoraria, should be kept as low as possible. All other items should be necessary and appropriate. Proposals should maximize cost-sharing through other private sector support as well as institutional direct funding contributions.

6. Area Expertise

Proposals should demonstrate the organization's expertise and capacity to conduct graduate level academic exchange programs in Central and Eastern Europe.

7. Placement Experience

Proposals should demonstrate the organization's ability and experience with placements at U.S. universities at the graduate level.

8. Professional and Academic Contacts

Proposals should demonstrate substantive staff knowledge of the relevant academic fields and professions to ensure productive engagement with professional and academic contacts in every phase of program planning and implementation, including the arrangement of internships and selection panels.

9. Support of Diversity

Proposals should demonstrate substantive support of the Bureau's policy on diversity through the selection and placement of participants, to the extent feasible for organizations.

10. Project Evaluation/Follow-On Activities

Proposals should include a plan to evaluate the program's success. A draft

survey questionnaire plus a description of a methodology to be used to link outcomes to original project objectives is required. Proposals should provide a plan for alumni activities and other follow-on programs (without USIA support) which ensures that USIA-supported programs are not isolated events. Proposals should include a plan for alumni tracking that demonstrates the willingness to provide data to and coordinate tracking with USIA and USIS posts and/or Fulbright commissions.

Notice

The terms and conditions published in this RFP are binding and may not be modified by any USIA representative. Explanatory information provided by the Agency that contradicts published language will not be binding. Issuance of the RFP does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government. The Agency reserves the right to reduce, revise, or increase proposed budgets in accordance with the needs of the program and the availability of funds. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements. Final awards cannot be made until funds have been appropriated by Congress, allocated and committed through internal USIA procedures.

Notification

All applicants will be notified of the results of the review process on or about May 1, 1998. Awards made will be subject to periodic reporting and evaluation requirements.

Dated: December 1, 1997.

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Deputy Associate Director, Educational and Cultural Affairs.

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Notice of Meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee

In accordance with the provisions of the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 2603 *et seq.*) there will be a meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee on December 19, 1997, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m., at the United States Information Agency, Washington, D.C. Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2605(g), the Committee will review the status of

implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of El Salvador Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Certain Categories of Archaeological Material from the Prehispanic Cultures of the Republic of El Salvador, signed in March 1995. This portion of the meeting will be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h).

The Committee's agenda will also include a discussion of its internal procedures for developing findings and recommendations for bilateral cultural property agreements and emergency measures. This portion of the meeting will be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2). The closed portions of the meeting will be from approximately 10:30 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m.

In addition, the Committee will review a CD-Rom image database project and a worldwide website project being developed in support of the ongoing efforts of the Committee and the Agency to implement the 1970 UNESCO Convention. This portion of the meeting will be open from approximately 9:00 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m. during which time public comment concerning matters before the Committee will be invited. Seating is limited. Persons wishing to attend this portion of the meeting must notify Cultural Property staff at 202-619-6612 by 12:00 Noon (EST) Thursday, December 18, 1997, to arrange for admission.

Dated: November 28, 1997.

Penn Kemble,

Deputy Director, United States Information Agency.

Determination to Close a Portion of the Meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee, December 19, 1997

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), 19 U.S.C. 2605(h), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), I hereby determine that portions of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee meeting on December 19, 1997, during which there will be discussions involving (a) information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed actions, and (b) the internal operating procedures of the Committee, will be closed.

Dated: November 28, 1997.

Penn Kemble,

Deputy Director, United States Information Agency.

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